

# BERNSTORFF TRIED TO BRIBE CONGRESS

## 'HOGS ARE FED NO MORE WHEAT THAN IN PAST'

—PIAZZEK.

Oklahoma Reports Do Not Alarm Food Agent.

BELIEVES CASES ARE FEW

Wheat Cheaper Than Corn Now, He Points Out.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 21.—There will be no federal inquiry into the report that farmers of Oklahoma are feeding wheat to their hogs, De Forest Piazzek, vice-president of the federal wheat corporation and agent for the federal food administration, declared here today.

Cases Believed Few.

"The government believes these cases to be few and the feeding of wheat to hogs at this time of the year when the corn supply is at its lowest point, is a practice which has been prevalent for many years," Mr. Piazzek asserted.

"Within a week to ten days the country will see the materialization of one of the largest corn crops of years, which will materially reduce the price of the grain and make its use as a feed again possible and practical."

Wheat Cheaper Than Corn.

"At this time wheat is cheaper than corn and the price of hogs relatively

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## TWO BURGLARIES ARE REPORTED TO POLICE

Two more house burglaries were added last night to the already long list which have occurred since the first of the month. Occupants of 1717 West Fifth street and 422 West Third street reported losses to the police today.

An attempt was also made last night to hold up H. H. Davis, 807 South Walker avenue at the intersection of Walker and Washington avenues. Davis reported to the police that he ran when one of the two men stuck a pistol in his face. An attempted hold-up at 206 East Fifth street was also a failure. Floyd G. Mead, city fireman reporting to the police that he hit a man with his lunch bucket, when he was ordered to "stick-up" his hands. None of the four highwaymen were arrested.

## 'SMOKE BOX' SYSTEM SAVING MANY SHIPS

LONDON, Sept. 21.—The Press Association hears on high naval authority that the new defensive measures against submarine warfare are meeting with success, justifying the hope of a further reduction in losses and says it can be stated on official authority that the results of the methods adopted in the last month give cause for getting confidence. According to an admiralty statement, dozens of ships have been saved by the smoke box system, which the admiralty during the last few months has supplied to a majority of British merchantmen.

## NEW BASEBALL SUITS FILED BY BALTIMORE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—A suit was filed by the Baltimore Federal league baseball club in the District of Columbia supreme court today against officials of the American league, the National league and others for \$900,000 damages under the Clayton law.

## HARVARD UNIVERSITY ADDS NAVAL COURSE

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Sept. 21.—Announcement is made today that Harvard college has added four naval courses to its curriculum. The courses will be in part for Harvard members of the naval reserve and will lead to ensign commissions.

## TESTIMONY FINISHED IN TRIAL OF GENERAL

PETROGRAD, Sept. 21.—The taking of testimony in the trial of General W. A. Soukhomlinoff, former minister of war, who has been charged with treason, and his wife, the latter charged with being an accessory, was finished today.

## WAR CREDIT BILL SENT TO PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—The \$11,000,000,000 war credits bill conference report was adopted today by the house and the measure sent to the White House for the president's signature. The senate acted yesterday.

## Knights of the Holy Grail of World Democracy



The eighteen men shown above made up Oklahoma City's second quota for the national army. They left yesterday at noon for Fort Travis, San Antonio, Texas. Reading from left to right, they are, top row: William F. Cook, Owen C. Webb, Claud A. Chalk, Arthur S. Leach, James Alexander McMillan, Joe W. Hamerly, William F. Burns, Kmet Bromfield, Nelson Jerome Baser, James M. Abrams, Carl B. Frits and Alfred Selker. Bottom row: Ralph H. Clark, Everett Jackson, Posey McClendon, Frank B. Fauntleroy, Clold W. Penster and Maurice Turner Bryan.

## MARLAND LEASE CONTROVERSY IS TAKEN TO COURT

Attorney General Would Stop Releasing of Oil Land.

An injunction suit to prevent the releasing of the famous Marland tract under the preference right was filed today in district court by Attorney General S. P. Freeling at the instance of Governor Williams. Members of the school land commission and lessees on the Marland tract are named as defendants in the suit.

Governor a Defendant.

Although Governor Williams is opposed to the sale of the leases he is made one of the defendants in the suit because he is a member of the state land commission. Other members of the commission who are made party defendants are J. L. Lyon, secretary of state; R. H. Wilson, state superintendent; Frank M. Gault, president of the board of agriculture; E. B. Howard, state auditor, and A. M. McKinney, secretary of the state land commission. The following lessees are also named as defendants: Kay and Kiowa Oil company, J. L. Nations, H. M. Morgan, Arkansas Valley Oil and Gas company, Devonian Oil company, Selby Oil and Gas company and J. B. Grieves.

The petition asks for a permanent injunction to prevent the defendants from granting any oil leases in the Marland tract under the preference right clause and to restrain the oil company's named as the lessees from exercising legal or preference right to these oil and gas leases.

Clash of Authority.

A clash of authority at once followed the filing of the suit. The leases had been ordered advertised for releasing under the preference right by the school land commission. In the

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## Fair Today and Saturday, Forecast

LOCAL FORECAST—Fair weather tonight and Saturday; somewhat warmer. STATE FORECAST—Tonight and Saturday fair weather; somewhat warmer.

HOURLY

TEMPERATURE	WIND	MOON
10 p. m. 67	light	100
11 p. m. 65	light	100
12 midnight 63	light	100
1 a. m. 62	light	100
2 a. m. 60	light	100
3 a. m. 58	light	100
4 a. m. 56	light	100
5 a. m. 54	light	100
6 a. m. 52	light	100
7 a. m. 50	light	100
8 a. m. 48	light	100
9 a. m. 46	light	100
10 a. m. 44	light	100
11 a. m. 42	light	100
12 noon 40	light	100
1 p. m. 38	light	100
2 p. m. 36	light	100

## High School Girls' Clubs Condemn Flashy and Inappropriate Dresses

### FRANKLIN K. LANE WIRES HE WILL BE HERE NEXT FRIDAY

Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, will make an address in Oklahoma City, Friday, September 28. This was the information contained in a telegram received by Governor Williams today. Mr. Lane will come to Oklahoma City from New Orleans and will arrive here late on the afternoon of September 28.

His address will be at night, the place not having yet been decided on.

As a committee on entertainment, Governor Williams today appointed J. M. Aydelotte, chairman state council of defense, Judge C. B. Ames, J. R. Cottingham, S. D. Brooks, president University of Oklahoma and A. W. Cantwell, president of the Oklahoma A. and M. college.

## Bulgar-German Relations Are Badly Strained

Each Refuses to Aid Other; Kaiser Goes to Sofia to Placate Ally.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—A dispatch from Berne, Switzerland, received today by the British admiral through the wireless press, says:

"Emperor William has passed through Budapest, Hungary, on his way to Sofia, the Bulgarian capital. It is believed to be the emperor's intention to try to smooth over difficulties which have arisen between Bulgaria and Germany."

"Germany and Austria have demanded military aid which Bulgaria has refused. On the other hand, Bulgaria has asked similar aid which the central powers have refused."

## TUESDAY 'BEEFLESS' DAY ABOARD DINERS

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—Roast beef, steaks, filet mignon—in fact, all cuts or dishes made from beef—will be missing from the Tuesday menus of dining cars on railway trains beginning October 2, it was announced here today. These rulings, made by the American Association of Dining Car Stewards, an organization embracing the principal railways in the country, are results of efforts to aid the government food administration program of conservation.

## Students Launch Movement to Raise Funds to Bring Prominent Club Woman Here to Discuss Subject.

Flashy and inappropriate dress on the part of high school girls is condemned by the Portia and Irving clubs, composed of girls students of the local high school, and a movement has been started by them to raise a fund to bring to Oklahoma City Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, former president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, to lecture upon the subject at a meeting to be held soon.

Authority on Dress.

The Portia club, composed of senior high school girls, has consistently gone on record as opposing unsuitable dress; but this is the first year that any attempt has been made to obtain a speaker of such prominence as Mrs. Pennybacker to lead a definite movement for sensible school dress here. Mrs. Pennybacker is regarded as one of the authorities of the United States in the matter of women's dress.

If she can be persuaded to come here she will probably also speak to high school students on "War Brides"—a lecture from which she has derived considerable note.

The decision of the two girls' clubs was arrived at after a meeting held several nights ago. No definite recommendations as to style of dress were made. The old proposition of uniforms for school girls has been mentioned however.

Joseph's Coat "Tame."

A prominent member of the Portia club in a speech remarked that "Joseph's coat of many colors is tame compared with the dress of many of my classmates."

The case of a girl who came to her teacher for sympathy because her mother had made her wear Peter Thompson dresses instead of the sheerest of georgette crepe blouses, was cited as an evidence of the lack of taste displayed by her classmates.

## JOHNSON HEARING AGAIN POSTPONED

Another delay in the trial of Orvel Johnson, charged with shooting 16-year-old Earl Evans several days ago, was made today when the case was postponed again by Justice of the Peace T. F. Donnell until October 5, because E. G. McAdams, attorney for Johnson, is out of the city. Mr. Donnell stated today that the hearing will positively be held on October 5 and that there would be no further delays.

## 'JONES FAMILY' WITNESS TRIES TO KILL HIMSELF

Affiliation of Organization With Germans Is Hinted.

ENID, Okla., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—J. C. Herrod of ten miles north of Tecumseh, a state witness in the "Jones Family" draft resistance case, slashed his throat this morning and is hovering between life and death. Herrod was the next witness to be called in federal court here and was sitting in the lobby of the federal building. He went out on the porch, and was found shortly after with a pocket knife in his hand and his throat badly cut. His son John could advance no reason for the act. He said his father was in good health but seemed despondent this morning. It is intimated that Herrod might have received warning to not give incriminating evidence.

## 'Family' History Told in Court

ENID, Okla., Sept. 21.—The story of the organization of the "Jones Family," its affiliation with the Working Class Union and Industrial Workers of the World and of connections through a Chicago office with German agents was told here yesterday at the trial of eleven members of the "Jones Family."

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## Autos Barred Tonight From Main Street

Pedestrians to Have Complete Right-of-Way During Fall Fashion Show.

When 7 o'clock arrives tonight, the greatest annual fall fashion show in the history of Oklahoma City will have started. Promptly at that hour the canvas screens which now veil the interior of downtown show windows from passersby, will drop to disclose elaborate displays of fall fads and fashions. And tonight will be distinctly the pedestrian's. Automobiles will be barred from Main street, between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock. Work of clearing the street of vehicles will begin at 6 o'clock under supervision of a squad of police. East and west traffic will be diverted to First street and Grand avenue.

Two hands will march through downtown streets during the two hours of the show. No stores will be open for business tonight, but all will be ready to make sales as usual tomorrow.

## HOTELS CROWDED ON EVE OF FAIR; COTS TO BE USED

City Preparing to Entertain Visitors to Exposition.

## Tomorrow's Program

Saturday, September 22—Traveling Men's day, Edmond-Norman day.  
9:00—Judging in culinary, fruits, flowers and dairy departments.  
10:00—Judging starts in babies' health conference. Judging fine arts department.  
9:00 to 11:30—Makovsky's band.  
Afternoon, 2:00—Annual football game, Oklahoma university vs. Central State Normal.  
4:30 to 8:00—Time to visit exposition buildings.  
Evening, 7:30—All exhibit buildings open.

In anticipation of the biggest State Fair in history, the three leading hotels of the city are placing cots in the halls, and extra beds in many rooms to take care of Fair visitors. The Lee-Huckins hotel is crowded to capacity. The Kingkade has every room engaged for tomorrow and Sunday, and the same conditions exist at the Skirvin.

Fair Grounds Busy.  
The State Fair grounds presented a busy appearance today. The exhibits are practically all in place and the livestock buildings are well filled. Many visitors strolled leisurely around the grounds. Only those wearing exhibitors' badges were allowed to peep into the buildings.

Several acres of ground at the Fair grounds are covered with tents, placed there in order that farmers and others who come here from a distance and are unable to find accommodation at the hotels may obtain sleeping quarters. Many automobiles are parked around the tents, belonging to the occupants.

Streets Crowded.

In the downtown district the streets were unusually crowded. Many delegates to the Oklahoma State Federation of Labor convention are still in the city to await the opening of the Fair, as are delegates to the convention of the county treasurers and clerks in session here today. They have been furnished with tickets to the Fair.

## BERLIN MESSAGE ASKING \$50,000 IS MADE PUBLIC

Lansing Reveals January Plot of German Envoy.

SCHEME WORKED BEFORE

Money Paid to "Organization" to Influence Solons.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Secretary Lansing today made public an astounding addition to the series of disclosures covering German intrigues in America and elsewhere. It was a message sent by Count von Bernstorff in January of this year to the Berlin foreign office requesting authority to pay out \$50,000 to influence congress through an unnamed organization, apparently known to the Berlin authorities.

Money Paid Out Before.

Count von Bernstorff indicated in his message that money had been paid this organization on former occasions to perform the same work.

The text of the message, made public without comment, follows:

The message, dated Jan. 22, 1917, follows:

"I request authority to pay out up to \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) in order as on former occasions, to influence congress through the organization you know of, which can perhaps prevent war."

"I am beginning, in the meantime, to act accordingly."

"In the above circumstances a public official German declaration in favor of Ireland is highly desirable, in order to gain the support of Irish influence here."

Whether the state department possession of other evidence indicating the ambassador's activities has not been revealed, but the extraordinary disclosures already made has fixed the belief that agents of the United States government have collected and compiled the entire story of German duplicity and intrigue and that additional chapters will be added.

Known.

The reference to avoiding war is taken as an indication that Ambassador Bernstorff had prior knowledge of the government's intention to proclaim a merciless widespread submarine warfare and that he was equally confident that the United States government could not be easily placated by mere promises. The German announcement of its intention to expand its submarine activities was not made public until January 31, when the world was startled not only by the determination to remove all restrictions, but by the statement that it would become effective on the following day. Three days later the United States government expressed its disapproval by severing relations with Germany.

That the German ambassador knew of his government's intention was assumed by some officials, although at the same time he denied prior knowledge and those in close touch with the embassy were given to understand that he did not approve the course and worked to secure modification.

Probably Paid to Members.

It has not been assumed that the ambassador actually attempted to bribe or personally influence any member of congress or doubt that such was his purpose is supported to some extent by the comparatively small amount of money he asked. Fifty thousand dollars it was pointed out, would go but a short way toward buying the influence of any congressman. Judiciously expended, however, it might do much in compensating paid agents such as are now known to have belonged to the elaborate machine Bernstorff had so carefully built up for the production of propaganda and for purposes of espionage.

Information in the possession of the government, but not yet revealed, is said to show conclusively a more direct connection of the German machine in America with the Irish question than that indicated in Count von Bernstorff's message. The records at the department of justice are said to contain the names of men implicated in that phase of Germanic intrigues well known in America.

First Personal Revelation.

Today's announcement is the first official utterance of the government with reference to the German ambassador's active personal participation in the maze of plots and intrigues conducted for Germany's benefit in this country since the beginning of the war. The evidence of Count von Bernstorff's personal activities bears the date of President Wilson's address to congress, January 22, reciting his appeal to the warring nations to enter into peace negotiations. At the same time President Wilson was addressing congress, apparently Count von Bernstorff was appealing to his government for funds with which to influence congressional action.

Not His First Attempt.

It was not the first time, however, that Count von Bernstorff had

## Bullets From German Airplanes Spatter American-Manned Train Every Time Fire Box Is Opened

(By The Associated Press.)  
AMERICAN TRAINING CAMP IN FRANCE, Sept. 21.—By day and by night the men of the American regiment of engineers which has taken over an important line of French strategic railways are hauling tons upon tons of ammunition and other supplies to the French army. The American regiment has been turned over as a unit to the French and is getting all its supplies except clothing from the French government. The officers and men already have been under German bombs and machine-gun fire from airplanes.

Within the last few nights a heavy train of supplies was attacked by several enemy planes. None of the bombs came close but every time the fire-box of the engine was opened for stoking, the planes swooped down upon the train and spattered it with steel-jacketed bullets. The fire got so hot that eventually the train was stopped, the crew taking refuge beneath the engine.



"Zimmie"